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**Subject:** Re: DuPont La Porte [Update 11.20.14]  
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Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 20, 2014, at 8:25 PM, Enders, Jhana <[Enders.Jhana@epa.gov](mailto:Enders.Jhana@epa.gov)> wrote:

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I know this is much more than needed but I use it for my daily record also, so just take out what you don't need.

<!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]--> Onsite: OSHA, EPA/START, CSB,  
TCEQ

<!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]--> Meeting with USCG on 11.21.14

<!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]--> CSB/EPA/START/DuPont made  
entry with escape packs

<!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]--> CSB wanted to take samples of a  
white material before it had the potential to dissipate/volatilize. EPA was not  
aware of the sampling event until arrival and was not prepared to take samples  
however, START went in with the CSB team to document. CSB does not have a  
contract in place yet to get the samples analyzed, and they being stored in the  
DuPont lab. EPA offered to have the samples analyzed but CSB utilized DuPont  
bottles so there are issues with chain of custody.

<!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]--> The entry team found an elevated  
level of Methyl Mercaptan in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor drain (34.7ppm). Due to the  
elevated level, DuPont used a bio enzyme called, "Green Push Drain Cleaner"  
to attempt to lower the level. The material goes through the drain and into the  
TC tank for hazmat disposal. After the material had time to set, and the  
DuPont Emergency Response Team cleared the area, the second entry team  
(EPA/START/DuPont) went in.

Once again the levels were elevated but isolated to one small work room.

Although levels were elevated they had come down from the 34.7  
ppm so the bio enzyme appears to be working but probably hasn't had enough  
time.

<!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]--> Due to decedents funerals Sat/Sun,  
there will be limited staff at the facility. DuPont will add more bio enzyme and  
the team (EPA/START/DuPont) will re-enter on Sunday morning to take



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readings. This will give the enzyme a couple of days to work.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->- <!--[endif]-->Contacted Houston Hazmat to have them send copy of their air monitoring data to verify no offsite impact since they were on-scene before EPA. All START monitoring data showed non detect except for inside the building. Compiling a list of air monitoring data to have if needed.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->- <!--[endif]-->DuPont attorney requested a copy of all photos. They asked if we would send them an email for requests so I asked DuPont to do the same for us.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->- <!--[endif]-->Received PIO contacts from TCEQ and passed to Diane Taheri

<!--[if !supportLists]-->- <!--[endif]-->Passed on Enforcement/Pesticide contacts to CSB

<!--[if !supportLists]-->- <!--[endif]-->Craig Carroll sent info on the Pesticide Lannate which I also forwarded to CSB

<!--[if !supportLists]-->- <!--[endif]-->Spoke with Ivan Vikin...no need for warrant unless facility not cooperative...repairs ok – don't worry about evidence

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